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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 4499

QUITO FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: CASC PFOR BR
SUBJECT: BRAZILIAN REPLY TO US NOTE ON ROSEBAUGH/CAPUANO ARRESTS

REF: (A) BRASILIA 4465 (B) BRASILIA 4378

1. POLITICAL COUNSELOR WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AT 2045 JUNE 2 BY COUNSELOR CARLOS PRATES, CHIEF OF PASSPORT DIVISION AND CURRENTLY ACTING AS DUTY OFFICER FOR MINISTRY'S CONSULAR AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT, TO RECEIVE REPLY TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF JUNE 1 REGARDING ROSEBAUGH/CAPUANO CASE. PRATES WAS ACCOMPANIED DURING BRIEF MEETING BY TWO SUBORDIANTE OFFICIALS OF CONSULAR AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS FREE TRANSLATION OF MINISTRY'S NOTE NO. 41, DATED JUNE 2:

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A. THE MINISTRY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF NOTE VERBALE NO. 164 CONCERNING THE DETENTION IN RECIFE BY LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES OF THE US CITIZENS THOMAS MICHEAL CAPUANO AND LAWRENCE EDWARD ROSEBAOUGH.

B. THE MINISTRY TAKES DUE NOTE OF THE REGARD EXPRESSED BY THE US EMBASSY FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED

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IN THIS ESPISODE TO THE US CONSUL IN RECIFE BY
THE FOURTH ARMY, AS WELL AS THE SATISFACTION EXPRESSED
FOR THE PROMPT ACTION TAKEN BY THE FEDERAL AND PERNAMBUCO
STATE AUTHORITIES IN INITIATING AN INVESTIGATION
IN TO THE MATTER. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT IN THIS REGARD
THAT THE GOVERNOR OF PERNAMBUCO HIMSELF TOOK THE
INITIATIVE IN CONTACTING THE US CONSUL IN RECIFE
AND IN INITIATING AN INQUIRY TO DETERMINE THE FACTS.

C. WITH REGARD TO THE PARAGRAPHS DEALING WITH THE
FACTUAL ASPECTS AND WITH THEIR ULTIMATE CONNECTION WITH
THE PROVISIONS OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON CONSULAR
RELATIONS, THE MINISTRY ABSTAINS FROM COMMENTING ON
THEM SINCE, AS IS POINTED OUT IN THE US NOTE, THE IN-
QUIRY UNDERTAKEN BY STATE AUTHORITIES COMPETENT TO
INVESTIGATE THE OCCURENCE HAS NOT BEEN CONCLUDED.
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TRANSLATION.

3. AFTER READING NOTE, POL COUNSELOR SAID HE WOULD
CONVEY TO US GOVERNMENT MINISTRY'S NOTE, WHICH HE
CONCLUDED FROM PARAGRAPH C WAS AN INTERIM REPLY.
PRATES CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS TEH CASE. IN TAKING
LEAVE, POL COUNSELOR EXPRESSED CURISITY ABOUT REASONS
FOR LATE HOUR DELIVERY OF NOTE, SINCE CONTENT DID NOT SUGGEST
THAT DEGREE OF URGENCY. PRATES REPLIED THAT MINISTRY'S CONCERN WAS
THAT OUR NOTE SHOULD HAVE REPLY WITHOUT DELAY.
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